

Polling Results

November 1, 2006 - Lieberman Has 12-Point Lead In Connecticut, Quinnipiac University Poll Finds; Rell Is Up By 24 Points With Six Days To Go

Democratic challenger Ned Lamont has gained some ground, but incumbent Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman now holds a 49 - 37 percent likely voter lead over Democratic candidate Ned Lamont, with 8 percent for Republican Alan Schlesinger, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Five percent are undecided and 12 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind before Election Day.

This compares to a 52 - 35 percent Sen. Lieberman lead over Lamont, with 6 percent for Schlesinger in an October 20 poll by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh- pe-ack) University.

In this latest survey, Lieberman leads Lamont 73 - 6 percent among likely Republican voters, with 19 percent for Schlesinger, and 51 - 36 - 6 percent among independent voters, while likely Democratic voters back Lamont 56 - 37 percent.

The only noticeable shift among party groups is a drop in independent support for Lieberman, from 58 percent October 20 to 51 percent today.

Women voters back Lieberman over Lamont 46 - 41 percent, while men back Lieberman 52 - 33 percent.

"For Ned Lamont to catch Sen. Joseph Lieberman, he needs Alan Schlesinger to break out of single digits and take away Republican votes from Lieberman. That hasn't happened. Lieberman, the once and future Democrat, is winning 73 percent of the Republican vote," said Quinnipiac University Poll Director Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D.

"The good news for Lamont is that he has cut Lieberman's lead by 5 points. The bad news for Lamont is that he still trails by 12 points, which is about where he has been since his Democratic primary victory in August," Dr. Schwartz added.

"If Lamont has an October surprise, he'd better check the calendar."

Governor's Race

Republican incumbent Gov. Jodi Rell leads Democratic challenger John DeStefano 59 - 35 percent among likely voters, compared to 59 - 33 percent October 20. In this latest survey, 6 percent are undecided and 13 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind.

Gov. Rell even gets 36 percent of Democratic voters, to 56 percent for DeStefano. She also gets 93 percent of Republican voters and 62 percent of independent voters.

"With 6 days to go before the election, things are looking very good for Jodi Rell," Schwartz said.

From October 24 - 30, Quinnipiac University surveyed 926 Connecticut likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts public opinion surveys in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the 2006 election for governor were being held today and the candidates were John DeStefano the Democrat and Jodi Rell the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided q1) As of today, do you lean more toward DeStefano or Rell? This table includes Leaners.

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
DeStefano	35%	6%	56%	29%	31%	38%
Rell	59	93	36	62	64	53
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	6	1	7	9	4	8
				MdlSex	Toll, Wndm	
	Fairfld	Hrtford	Ltchfld	NewHvn	NewLon	
DeStefano	23%	41%	30%	39%	39%	
Rell	72	53	70	51	55	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	
DK/NA	4	6	-	9	5	
	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.....					
	01	02	03	04	05	
DeStefano	36%	40%	36%	24%	39%	
Rell	56	55	54	73	57	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1	-	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	
DK/NA	9	5	10	3	3	

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Rell	59	59	63	64

SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	6	7	6	4

1a. (If candidate choice q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY CHOOSING CAND Q1		
	Tot	JD	JR
Made up	87%	88%	86%
Might change	13	12	14
DK/NA	-	-	-

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	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	Nov 1 2006	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Made up	87	85	81	72
Might change	13	15	19	28
DK/NA	-	1	-	1

2. If the 2006 election for senator were being held today and the candidates were Ned Lamont the Democrat, Alan Schlesinger the Republican, and Joseph Lieberman running as an independent candidate, for whom would you vote? (If undecided q2) As of today, do you lean more toward Lamont, Schlesinger or Lieberman? This table includes Leanners.

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Lamont	37%	6%	56%	36%	33%	41%
Schlesinger	8	19	3	6	9	6
Lieberman	49	73	37	51	52	46
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	1	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	3	3	7	4	6

	MdlSex				
	Fairfld	Hrtford	Ltchfld	NewHvn	Toll,Wndm NewLon
Lamont	39%	41%	33%	34%	36%
Schlesinger	9	7	11	7	7
Lieberman	46	46	54	52	54
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	-	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	4	6	1	7	4

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.....				
01	02	03	04	05

Lamont	40%	39%	32%	39%	36%
Schlesinger	7	7	9	10	5
Lieberman	46	51	51	46	52
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	6	3	8	3	5

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WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	7	7	2

2a. (If candidate choice q2) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY CHOOSING CAND Q2....			
	Tot	CAND OF CHOICE Q2..		
		NL	JL	AS
Made up	87%	92%	87%	69%
Might change	12	8	13	31
DK/NA	-	-	-	-

TREND: Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			
	Nov 1 2006	Oct 20 2006	Sep 28 2006	Aug 17 2006
Made up	87	86	83	72
Might change	12	13	17	28
DK/NA	-	-	-	-